THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Presently there are no plans.

Expansion of Belgaum Airport

3201. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the Belgaum Airport:

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The airport is fit for the operation of Avro type of aircraft commensurate with its traffic potential.

Expansion of Madras Airport Runway

3202. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether the International Airport Authority of India has proposed to extend the length of Madras Airport runway to attract international airlines;

(b) if so, the present length of the runway; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present length of the runway is 3063 metres (10050 feet).

(c) The runway is being extended by 595 metres to enable unrestricted operation of B.747–400 type of aircraft.

Telecast of Proceedings of State Legislatures

3203. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received for telecast the proceedings of State Legislatures on Lines of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Request for telecasting the proceedings of some State Legislatures viz. Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have been received.

[*Translation*]

Post Office in Gazipur District in Uttar Pradesh

3204. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new post offices in the rural areas of Gazipur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of post offices likely to be opened in the district during 1992?